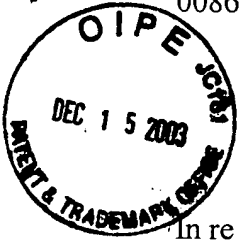


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In re Application of:

SATOSHI NISHIKAWA, et al.

Application No.: 09/470,204

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2003, for one month from November 6, 2003, to Monday, December 8, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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